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Qua nihil majus meliuſve terris
Fata donavere, bonique divi:
Nec dabunt, quamvis redeunt in aurum
Tempora priſcum.

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OF all the Remedies that *Philoſophy* would adminiſter to us, in the Hours of Diſtreſs and Affliction, there is ſcarce *One*, with ſo much Difficulty to be either given or received, as That of *Conſolation* upon the *Death* of a moſt *Intimate* and *deſerving Friend.*

To enumerate all the Perfections and endearing Qualities of the Perſons whoſe Abſence we are mourning, ſerves only to aggravate the afflicting Senſe we have of our Loſs. Tho' ſurely, when Nature has been in ſome Meaſure ſatisfied by that juſtly temper'd Sorrow, which is the reaſonable Tribute of generous Minds, This might ſerve to extenuate our Grief, from a ſtedfaſt Hope, that thoſe good Qualities in our Friends, which made us ſo happy, while they were with us in this World, will certainly render Them moſt abundantly more ſo in the next.

But alas! tho' this may appear eaſy in Speculation, how hard is it in Practice! Reaſon and Religion are indeed ſtrong in its Favour, but human Paſſions will have their ſhare of Submiſſion from us.

This, I doubt not, will be look'd upon as an *occaſional Eſſay*, nor will they be miſtaken, who think it *ſuch*. And largely as well as juſtly could I expatiate on the many eminent *Virtues* of that *Lady* who has been lately removed from us, and who was no leſs conſpicuous for *Thoſe*, than the Station ſhe was placed in among us.

But it were ſuperfluous to rehearſe what was, every Day of her Life, no Secret to the moſt obſcure Perſon in the Province. Nor would I too officiouſly preſume to remind the ſurviving *Partner* of her Virtues, of the heavy Calamity he bears in being deprived of her; when, 'tis well known, how deeply ſenſible he is of it himſelf; and yet that he is not deſtitute of any Aſſiſtance, that the beſt Philoſophy can ſupply him with on the Occaſion.

Our common Gratitude to the Deceaſed would make our Pens, ſeem to ſuch, to whom ſhe was unknown, profuſe in her Praiſe; but Words would at beſt be but ſlender Indications of the Regard and Duty we owe to her Memory. Let us rather ſtudy to make up, as far as lies in our Power, the Loſs her *Survivor* ſuſtains, and by a conſtant, unanimous, and ready Obedience to his *Adminiſtration*, make *That* no leſs eaſy to *Him*, than it is happy to our *ſelves*. Then he may poſſibly, with ſomewhat the leſs Concern, paſs over thoſe Hours of Receſs, in which *She* was wont ſo happily to alleviate his Cares of *Government*. And *This*, we may hope, will, under Providence, be the beſt Means the longer to continue to us the *Bleſſings* of *it*.

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The SPEECH *of his Excellency* Jonathan Belcher, *Eſq; to the General Aſſembly of the* Maſſachuſetts, *on* Thurſday, June 1.

Gentlemen of the Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives,

IT is with Pleaſure that I meet you this Day in General Aſſembly, and I hope it will be encreaſed by finding this whole Legiſlature purſuing the publick Weal with the greateſt Chearfulneſs and Unanimity; and I hope every Member of this General Court will act up to his Character by approving himſelf a true Friend of his Country; and I wiſh all that comes before you

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may be manag'd with great Reſpect and Duty to the King; and this is not only in Imitation of the *Britiſh* Parliament, that wiſe and auguſt Aſſembly, but from your voluntary and ſteady Inclination; and that you will careſully avoid all Striſe and Contention among yourſelves, and endeavour to point your Debates and Reſolutions at the lengthning out our beſt Peace and Welfare: After mentioning theſe things, I ſhall lay before you what I think neceſſary at preſent.

And in the firſt Place I am glad to tell you, That I have received his Majeſty's ſpecial Confirmation of the Laws enacted in this Province, from my Arrival, to *April*, 1731. and I think it will be much for the Safety of the Province, that your Agent be conſtantly directed to an effectual Care of preſenting the Laws, as required by the Charter.

I have alſo received his Majeſty's additional Inſtruction, reſpecting the Importation of Negroes and Felons into this Province.

And his Majeſty's Order in Council upon an Addreſs ſent to the King the laſt Year, reſpecting the Supply of the Treaſury. Theſe things the Secretary ſhall deliver you that we may conform our ſelves to them for the future.

The additional Inſtruction I receiv'd from his Majeſty, reſpecting a Salary of 1000 l. *Sterling* a Year to be ſettled on his Governor for the Time being, has been long ſince printed in the Journal of the late Houſe of Repreſentatives, and by which you will find his Majeſty's expreſs Command to Me, to recommend that Affair to you in the ſtrongeſt Terms, as the only Manner for ſupporting his Governor that can be acceptable to him. I muſt therefore deſire you ſeriouſly to conſider, and at laſt to act wiſely, in a dutiful Compliance therewith. And I have the greater Expectaion of your doing it, ſince it is ſo agreeable to a Bill paſſed the laſt Seſſion by both Houſes, for a perpetual Eſtabliſhment of the Support of the Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province. For it cannot be thought reaſonable that his Majeſty's Governor, the firſt and ſupreme part of the Legiſlature, muſt be the only part unprovided for, and continually dependant for his Support.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

You very well know that there has not been any Money in the publick Treaſury for more than 12 Months paſt. This is an Affair more eſpecially belonging to your Houſe, and of that importance to the Safety of the King's Government, and to the Peace and Welfare of his Subjects in this Province, as juſtly challenges your ſpeedy and cloſe Attention; and of this Matter I ſaid ſo much to the late Aſſembly, as would have left little to be added now, had it not been, that I have received the King's Order hereupon, which is ſo particular and full in Confirmation of his Majeſty's Royal Inſtruction to me on the Subject of the Treaſury (notwithſtanding the ſeveral Addreſſes made the laſt Year to his Majeſty for an Abatement of that Inſtruction) as can leave no Expectation of my Conſenting to any other manner of ſupplying the Treaſury than what is conformable thereto. The Officers and Soldiers of the Garriſons, the Judges, with all the other civil Officers of the Government, and a great Number of private Perſons have been a long time kept out of what is juſtly due to them from the Province; and ſome of them have been driven to that Extremity, as to ſell what the Province is indebted to them to great Loſs, and cry out of Oppreſſion and Wrong. Theſe Things, *Gentlemen*, are ſuch a Scandal and Diſhonour to the Government, as I hope you will no longer ſuffer, but will think it abſolutely neceſſary that they be redreſſed; and that you will at the ſame time conſider the imminent Hazard the Government is continually expoſed to by an empty Treaſury.

Gentlemen of the Council and Houſe of Repreſentatives,

I have lately received ſeveral Meſſages from the Tribes of the Eaſtern *Indians*, deſiring to ſee me in thoſe Parts, to renew & ſtrengthen the preſent Friendſhip between this Province and them, and that ſome time in the Month of *July* there will be the greateſt Number of them together. As this is an Affair of Conſequence to the Peace of our Borders, I ſhall be ready to attend it, and ſhall be glad of the Company of ſome Gentlemen of both Houſes, and expect this Court will make the neceſſary Proviſion for the Expence, and for Preſents to *Indians* at this Interview.

I am deſired to acquaint you that the Society for propagating Chriſtian Knowledge in *Scotland*, have appointed Commiſſioners for promoting that excellent Work in this Province, and have directed them to procure 3 Miſſionaries to go among the *Indians*, for inſtructing them in the true Principles of the Chriſtian Religion, and as the Fund for the Maintenance of the Miſſiona-

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ries is but ſmall at preſent, their Commiſſioners hope this Aſſembly will do what may be reaſonably expected on their Part for encouraging this pious Deſign; and this may be done by having theſe Miſſionaries placed at *Fort Dummer*, *Richmond Fort*, and *Fort George*, where they might for the preſent ſerve as Chaplains to theſe Garriſons, as well as Inſtructors to the *Indians*; and this would anſwer the Petitions I have received from the ſeveral Officers and Soldiers, that the Worſhip of God may be upheld among them.

As your Exciſe Act is now expiring I hope you will look back on what I have ſaid to a former Aſſembly, and a Report made by a Committee of the Houſe of Repreſentatives for laying a larger Exciſe on Rum, which being put in Execution, I believe would have a good Tendency for promoting Virtue and Sobriety. And as to the manner of collecting your Exciſe, the wiſeſt Governments have generally fallen into the Method of Farming it, as the moſt profitable to the Publick; and ſo it has formerly been done in this Province.

I think it would be wiſe in this Aſſembly to take a proper Care for ſettling the ungranted Lands in ſuch an equitable way, as might give no juſt Cauſe of Complaint to any of the Towns or Inhabitants of the Province. And I wiſh we could find ways to encourage a Cultivation of the Lands in general, to make them more productive of Naval Stores, and of the Neceſſaries of Life, and thereby render us the more capable of ſubſiſting without the Help of our neighbouring Colonies.

I alſo think it would be prudent to employ a good Number of Hunters, to traverſe the Woods, thereby to gain a good Knowledge of our Frontiers, which may greatly tend to the Safety and Quiet of this Country in Times to come.

It is with a hearty Sorrow and Concern, that I now mention to you the Death of his Majeſty's late Lieutenant Governor of this Province, the worthy and Hon. Col. *William Tailer*, whoſe great and good Services to this Country thro' the Courſe of his Life, muſt endear his Memory to this whole People. He twice had the Honour to be in the Chief Command, as well as twice Lieutenant Governor of this Province, and in both thoſe high Stations he diſcharged himſelf with great Honour to the Crown, and with great Goodneſs to the People: I hope that you will in ſome handſome Manner expreſs the juſt Senſe you have of all his faithful Services.

As my utmoſt Endeavours for advancing his Majeſty's Honour and Service, and the Welfare of my Country, will be the greateſt Security to my own Proſperity, you may reſt aſſured that I ſhall always act with you free from all other Views.

June 1, 1732. *J. BELCHER.*

Boſton, June 1. Yeſterday being the Anniverſary (according to the Royal Charter) for the Election of his Majeſty's Council, the Great & General Court or Aſſembly of this Province met here: And the Hon. Houſe of Repreſentatives choſe for their Speaker *John Quincy*, Eſq; (whom his Excellency was pleaſed to approve of) and *J. Wainwright*, Eſq; Clerk: The Sermon preach'd before his Excellency and the General Aſſembly, was by the Rev. Mr. *John Swift*, of *Framingham*, from thoſe Words, *Luke* xiii. 9. *And if it bear Fruit*, well; *and if not, then afterwards thou ſhalt cut it down.* After which, 28 Gentlemen were choſen Councellors for the Year enſuing, the ſame that were choſen laſt Year, 3 excepted. One of the new ones, his Excellency was pleaſed to negative.

Paris, April 2. On the 31ſt paſt, the Cardinal de Fleury being with the moſt Chriſtian King in his Cloſet, his Majeſty ſent for the Keeper of the Seals, and was pleaſed to join him in Commiſſion with the Cardinal for the Execution of the Office of Firſt Miniſter; and alſo to appoint him to be the Cardinal's Succeſſor in that Office; and the Keeper of the Seals has ſince received the Compliments of the Nobility, the Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Rank and Diſtinction, upon his Promotion.

Hague, April 4. An Expreſs is juſt arrived from Paris, whence he ſet out on Wedneſday Night laſt. It is ſince reported, that the Cardinal Miniſter was retired, and had left the Keeper of the Seals in his Room. His Eminency's Retreat is look'd upon here as an Alarm to War, and as a Declaration of the Harmony between France and Spain in the Enterprize the Spaniſh Fleet is going upon.

Paris, April 12. The Deſign of the Spaniſh Armament is like to be a Secret 'till put in Execution, the Commanders of the Fleet having Orders not to open their Inſtructions till they are arrived in a particular Latitude.

LONDON, *April* 4.

His Majeſty came yeſterday in State to the Houſe of Peers, and gave the Royal Aſſent to the Land Tax Act; to an Act for preventing the Importation of Hops into Ireland, from America; to an Act for the more eaſy recovery of Debts due to the Merchants of Great Britain, in the American Plantations; and to ſome other Acts.

Leave is given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Exportation of Hats out of any of the Colonies or Plantations in America, and to reſtrain the Number of Apprentices taken by the Hat-makers in the ſaid Plantations.

We hear that her Majeſty will be left Regent during the King's Abſence in viſiting his German Dominions; and likewiſe that his Majeſty will ſet out for that Purpoſe the latter End of next Month.

London, April 7. Yeſterday the Houſe of Lords adjourned till Monday ſe'nnight; and the Commons to Thurſday next.

The Lords have put off the Hearing againſt the Sugar Colony Act, to the 25th Inſtant; which makes ſome think that Bill will not paſs this Seſſions.